

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HONORING MR. WILBURN C.
ROWDEN

HON. BLAINE LUETKEMEYER

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. LUETKEMEYER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Mr. Wilburn C. Rowden for his service to our country in the Army Air Corps during World War II. His service commenced on January 7, 1943 at Jefferson Barracks, and he went on to become a member of the 392nd Bomb Crew, serving as a radio operator on the B-17 Flying Fortress "Sleepy Time Gal".

During a mission over Berlin on March 8, 1944, the aircraft Mr. Rowden was serving on was damaged by enemy air fire. The crew was ordered to bail out, during which Mr. Rowden was wounded by gunfire. Following this, Mr. Rowden was taken prisoner by armed German Air Force troops. Mr. Rowden was held as a Prisoner of War in a German prison for 14 months.

On November 2, 1945, Mr. Rowden was honorably discharged with the rank of a Technical Sergeant in San Antonio, TX. Beginning in June 1947, he worked as a technician for the Missouri National Guard. He retired from the Missouri National Guard in April 1983 as Chief Warrant Officer, 4th grade, receiving a retirement certificate crediting him with 38 years of service to his country.

The medals, ribbons, and awards Mr. Rowden has received are numerous. He was awarded a Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Award, and Silver Start Patriotic Service Award—just to name a few. Mr. Rowden has been married to Launa for 68 years and they are residents of Jefferson City, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you to join me in honoring Wilburn C. Rowden for his service to our country. It is an honor to represent him in the United States Congress.

RECOGNIZING THE 65TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ORLANDO UNION RESCUE MISSION

HON. DANIEL WEBSTER

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. WEBSTER of Florida. Mr. Speaker, it is my pleasure to recognize the 65th anniversary of the Orlando Union Rescue Mission, one of Orlando's oldest and largest homeless service providers. Since 1948, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission has provided both physically and spiritually for the homeless community of Central Florida.

The Orlando Union Rescue Mission programs meet the needs of homeless men, women and children. Those who seek refuge at the Mission are provided nutritious meals, safe shelter, and discipleship programs that equip them to lead fulfilling, self-sufficient

lives. In celebration of their 65th anniversary, the Orlando Union Rescue Mission is featuring 65 individuals who, upon successful completion of the Mission's programs, have been freed of the burdens of homelessness.

On behalf of the citizens of Central Florida, it is a privilege to recognize the Orlando Union Rescue Mission for their exemplary compassion and generosity.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RUSTY KEEBLE FOUNDATION AND ITS GANGFREE AMERICA CAMPAIGN

HON. AARON SCHOCK

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. SCHOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the Rusty Keeble Foundation (RKF), which is dedicated to increasing gang awareness and reducing gang violence around the country. The RKF has launched an initiative entitled the GANGFREE America Campaign, which seeks to raise awareness by recognizing November as GANGFREE Illinois Month. This innovative initiative is aimed at fostering safe environments in communities across Illinois, including in Peoria, so that the children in those communities can continue to grow, learn, and reach their full potential free from the negative influences of gangs.

Gang violence has been a blight on our communities for far too long. Currently, more than 1.4 million young people are involved with gangs, up 40 percent since 2009. In many areas across the United States, gang violence accounts for almost 50 percent of all violent crimes, and in some cities and suburban areas, that percentage is even higher.

These staggering statistics are one representation of the effect of gangs on our communities and country, but the more potent manifestation of these numbers is the lost potential of the young people who get involved. Across our country, too many young men and women are seeing their future possibilities narrow into one act of violence, one drug deal, one prison term, after another.

Initiatives like the GANGFREE America Campaign are taking the steps needed to correct our nation's gang-related problems and working to ensure brighter futures for our youth. The GANGFREE America Campaign's community-focused approach employs schools as well as law enforcement to unify and empower citizens against the formation and spread of gangs in towns and cities across Illinois as well as the entire country. It is my hope that with the help of organizations like the Rusty Keeble Foundation, we can eradicate the gang epidemic in the United States, and I am honored to rise today to recognize their courageous efforts.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATION OF THE WARREN J. BAKER CENTER FOR SCIENCE AND MATHEMATICS

HON. LOIS CAPPS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mrs. CAPPS. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to celebrate the dedication of the Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics in honor of my dear friend President Emeritus Warren J. Baker.

The dedication of the Warren J. Baker Center for Science and Mathematics is a testimony to President Baker's legacy and tireless work on behalf of STEM education for over 30 years at Cal Poly. Under his leadership, several of Cal Poly's programs have become known as some of the best in the country including engineering, architecture and agriculture. His outstanding service to the students and vision for the campus will be felt for decades to come through the work of the Baker Center.

The Center's location in the heart of the campus symbolizes the role of mathematics and science at the nexus of Cal Poly's curriculum. The state-of-the-art center will exemplify the University's "Learn by Doing" educational philosophy by providing an environment that inspires innovation, collaboration and practical application. Not only will the center enhance the education of countless students that will pass through its doors, but our community will owe a great debt of gratitude for providing a strong workforce for the future. Simply put, the Baker Center will transform the way science and mathematics are taught and will no doubt play a prominent role in many promising academic careers for years to come.

RECOGNIZING JOHN "JACK" HESS, Ph.D.

HON. JARED POLIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 30, 2013

Mr. POLIS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today honoring John "Jack" Hess, Ph.D. for receiving the Longs Peak Council Distinguished Eagle Scout Award. His academic and professional contributions to the field of geology should serve as an example to all Americans of how one's career can serve and improve his or her community.

A former Eagle Scout, Jack has served as a Congressional Science Fellow for Senator HARRY REID and currently serves as a member of the United States Commission for UNESCO, the United States National Committee for Geological Sciences, and the Science Committee for the National Natural Landmarks Program. In 2000, Jack was bestowed the Silver Antelope Award, the highest award the western region can provide.

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